

ly, believing it would tend to give, if possible, a greater

countrymen and the Navy to which they belong.

I have the honor, &c.

CHARLES WILKES, Com. Exp. Expedition.

To Hon. JAMES K. PAULDING, Secretary of the Navy, Washington.

This dispatch was read with reference to the charge of sedition in a false report to the Secretary of the Navy, which this instrument will give the honor of discovering the antarctic continent to the French. The passage in italics is the one charged to have been falsified.

Mr. Hamilton rose to open the defence, and said that previously he wished to call their attention to the charges and